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1. The Naval Base at Varna is located on a jetty in the southwest part of the harbor. The jetty is approximately 900 meters long and 700 meters wide, and is situated between the canal which links Varna Lake with the Black Sea and the harbor. The depth of the water along the jetty is 10 to 12 meters. A breakwater 800-900 meters long and 30 meters wide is located at the end of the jetty across the mouth of the harbor.

2. The Naval Base consists of approximately 25 buildings, most of which are 1-story brick constructions. (See Appendix A, pages 8, 9, 10, and 11 for a sketch of the Naval Base installations.)

Naval Base Headquarters

3. The headquarters or administration building is approximately 30 meters long, 50 meters wide, and 20 meters high. It is a 3-story building containing approximately 100 rooms. No laborers are allowed inside. Only officers, including 10 female officers, and other authorized Naval personnel are allowed to enter.

4. The office of the Commanding Officer of the Base is located in the fifth room (in the center of the building) on the third floor. The Commanding Officer of the Bulgarian Naval Forces at Varna, Admiral Ormanov, and one other officer, Vulkanov (fmu, rank and duties unknown), share this office.

5. Approximately 30 Soviet officers, including an admiral and four or five captains, have offices on the third floor of the Naval Base Headquarters. One of the officers is Captain Sergei Aloschin. All of the officers are trained in marine engineering.

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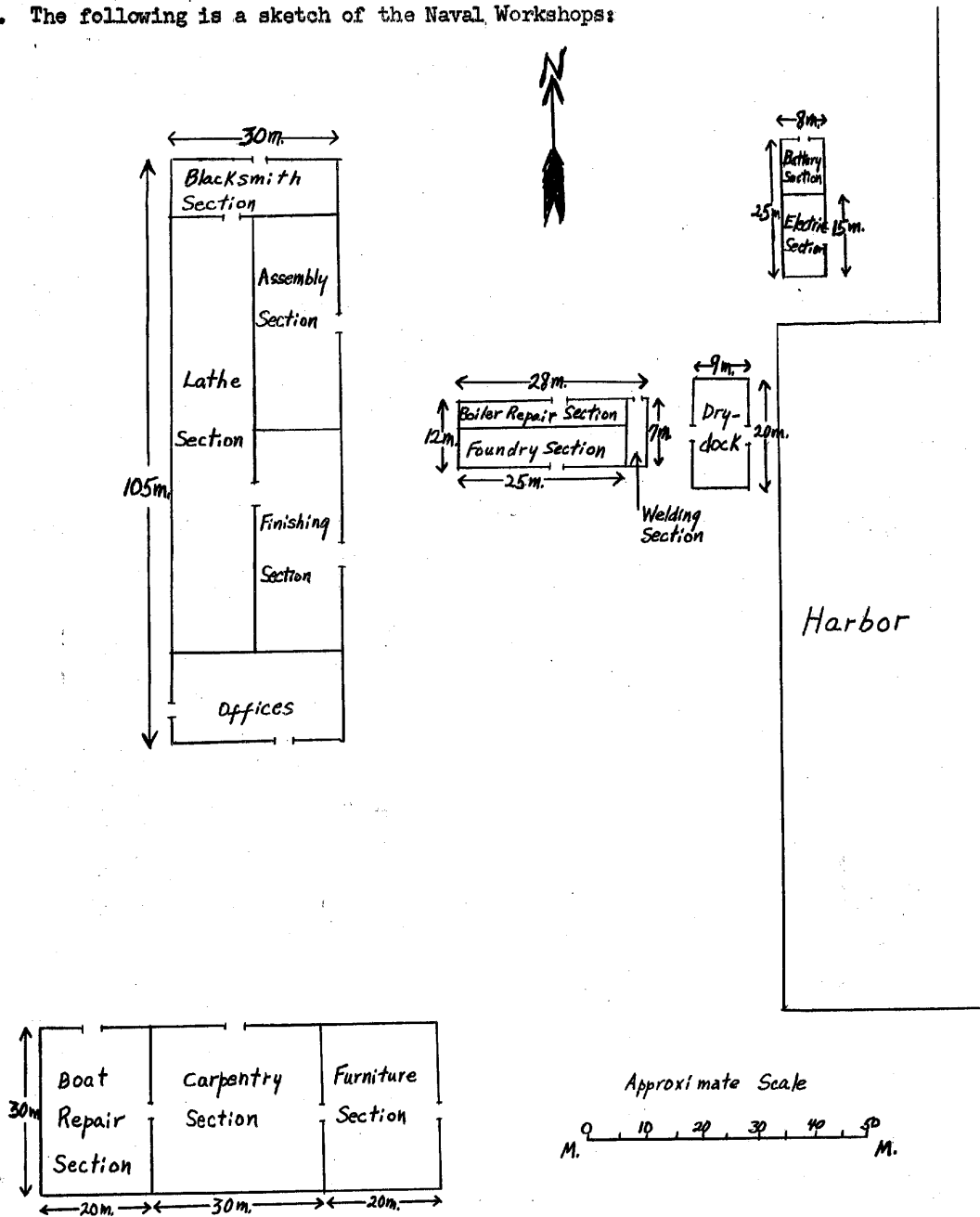
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Naval Workshops - Functional Sections

6. The following is a sketch of the Naval Workshops:



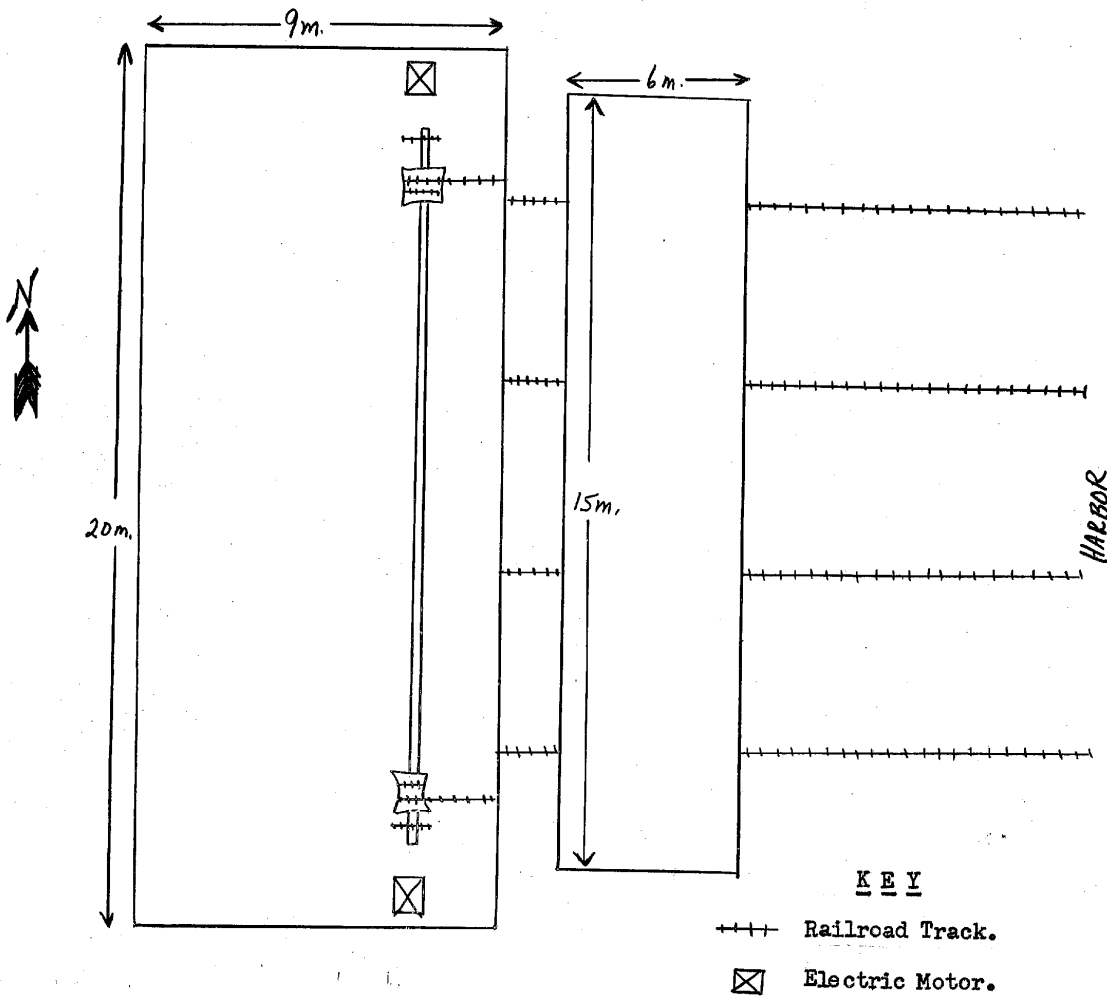
7. The building containing the lathe, finishing, assembly, and blacksmith sections is of concrete construction, including the roof. It is 105 meters long, 30 meters wide, and 20 meters high. One end of the building has two stories. On the first floor, in addition to the sections described below, is a dining room, a "planning"

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12. [redacted] skilled workers at the Naval Workshops:

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a. Tsvetko Peshev, head foreman of the lathe section [redacted]

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b. Pencho (lnu), head foreman of the finishing section [redacted]

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c. Franz Molvay, head foreman of the assembly section [redacted]

d. Mikhail (lnu), head foreman of the blacksmith section;

e. Stoyan (lnu), head foreman of the foundry section [redacted]

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f. Seften Georgiev, head foreman of the boiler repair section [redacted]

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room, and a dentist's office. On the second floor is the office of the Chief of the Naval Workshops, a library, "technicians' room," cashier's office, and a designing room.

- a. Lathe Section: In addition to the head foreman, the personnel in the shop consists of seven foremen and 13 apprentices. The equipment includes 12 lathes, four grinding machines, and two polishing machines. Most of the lathes are of Soviet or Czech manufacture.   one 14-ton Skoda lathe was installed in the shop. 25X1
  - b. Finishing Section: In addition to the head foreman, the personnel consists of nine foremen and 15 apprentices. The equipment includes three presses, four shops, four screw machines, and one polishing machine.
  - c. Assembly Section: In addition to the head foreman, the personnel consists of 12 foremen and eight apprentices. This section is engaged chiefly in assembling and repairing Packard engines.
  - d. Blacksmith Section: In addition to the head foreman, the personnel consists of three foremen and eight apprentices. The equipment includes four steam hammers and four anvils.
8. The building containing the foundry, boiler repair, and welding sections is 25 meters long and 12 meters wide.
- a. Foundry Section: In addition to the head foreman, the personnel consists of six foremen and six apprentices.
  - b. Boiler Repair Section: In addition to the head foreman, the section employs approximately 30 workers.
  - c. Welding Section: In addition to the head foreman, the personnel consists of five apprentices and six workers.
9. The building containing the furniture, carpentry, and boat repair sections is 70 meters long and 30 meters wide.
- a. Furniture Section: This section is engaged in making furniture and other wooden fittings for ships.
  - b. Carpentry Section: In addition to the head foreman, the section employs approximately 50 workers. The equipment includes six unidentified machines.
  - c. Boat Repair Section: This section repairs rowboats and other small wooden vessels.
10. The building containing the electric and battery sections is 25 meters long and eight meters wide.
- a. Battery Section: In addition to the head foreman, the personnel consists of two foremen and four apprentices. This section is engaged in repairing and maintaining storage batteries for small vessels.
  - b. Electric Section: In addition to the head foreman, the personnel consists of seven foremen and eight apprentices.
11. The structure housing the drydock is 20 meters long and nine meters wide. The drydock is capable of handling only boats and very small ships and is arranged as follows:

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g. Ivan Georgiev, head foreman of the welding section [redacted]

h. Ivan Ivanov, head foreman of the electric section [redacted]

i. Petko Atanasov, head foreman of the battery section; [redacted]

j. Macharov (fnu), head foreman of the furniture section [redacted]

k. Georgi (lmu), head foreman of the carpentry section [redacted]

l. Doncho (lmu), employed in the drydock section; [redacted]

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13. [redacted] administrative personnel of the Workshops:

a. Commander Nikola Atanasov, Chief of the Naval Workshops [redacted]

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b. Commander Vilkanov, Assistant Chief of the Naval Workshops [redacted]

c. Lieutenant Commander Angel Yankov, administrative head of the electric and battery sections [redacted]

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d. Lieutenant Boris Zhelezov, administrative head of the lathe section [redacted]

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e. Lieutenant Junior Grade Valyu Velikov, administrative head of the finishing section [redacted]

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f. Lieutenant Junior Grade Stoyan Georgiev Stoyanchev, secretary of the DSNM (Dimitrovi Silyuz na Narodnata Mladezh: Dimitrov Union of the People's Youth) organization of the Naval Workshops [redacted]

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g. Georgi Boshkov, former head of the lathe section, replaced by Zhelezov (see 13 d above) [redacted]

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h. Commander Goshev, position and location unknown; and

i. Commander Takhrilov, position and location unknown.

Torpedo and Mine Shop and the Battery Shop

14. [redacted] 30 Soviet engineers and technicians arrived in Varna and stayed three months while drawing up plans for a torpedo and mine shop and a battery shop. Fifty Trudovaks worked on the construction, which was completed [redacted]

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[redacted] Thirty Soviet engineers returned later ( [redacted] apparently prior to the completion of the two shops) to install machinery brought from the USSR. They stayed on as technicians and were still at the Naval Base [redacted]

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15. The torpedo and mine shop, which is 60 meters long and 20 meters wide, is located 15 meters from the shore, and a quay has been constructed nearby. A 6- or 7-ton crane lifted individual mines from a ship and deposited them in railroad cars,

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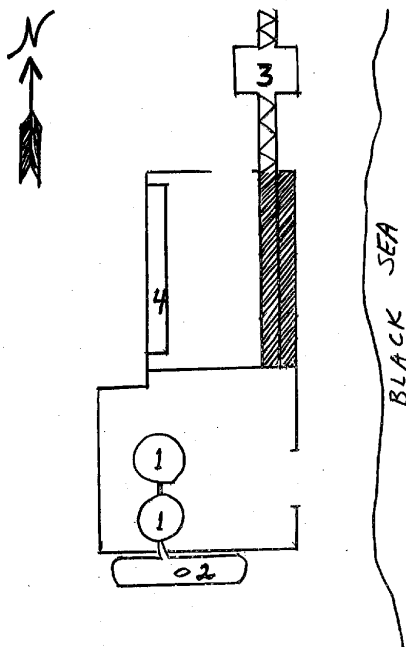
after which they were hauled inside the shop. [redacted]

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[redacted] 40 torpedoes were "repaired." Approximately 25-30 Naval enlisted men worked in this shop. (See Appendix B, pages 12 and 13 for a sketch of the torpedo and mine shop.)

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16. The battery shop (not to be confused with the Battery Section described above) is located 700-800 meters south of the torpedo and mine shop and is four or five meters from the shore. Approximately 20 Naval enlisted men worked in this shop charging batteries of large vessels. The shop is 15 meters long and seven meters wide and is arranged as follows:



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1. Cylindrical storage tank for "liquid" used in batteries. The tanks are two meters high and two meters in diameter.
2. Storage tank for "liquid" used in batteries. The tank is 4.5 meters long and 3.5 meters high, and is half-buried in the ground.
3. Concrete "cable distributing center" two meters long, two meters wide, and 1.5 meters high.
4. Electric switchboard.

Concrete cable conduit leading to torpedo and mine shop. The conduit is 1.1 meters wide and 1.5 meters deep.

Concrete cable trough (uncovered). The trough is 60 cm. wide and 20 cm. deep.

Approximate Scale:

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Meters

17. [redacted] officer personnel of the mine and torpedo shop and the battery shop 25X1

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a. Captain Preshtinkov, a Soviet Naval officer and head of both the mine and torpedo shop and the battery shop [redacted] 25X1

b. Commander Skolfanov, a Bulgarian Naval officer and assistant head of the mine and torpedo shop and the battery shop [redacted] 25X1

c. Lieutenant Commander Radushev, a Bulgarian Naval officer and the chief technician of the mine and torpedo shop and the battery shop [redacted] 25X1

d. Lieutenant Dobrevski, a Bulgarian Naval officer and a mine technician [redacted]

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Naval Vessels

18. Approximately 50 Naval vessels are based at Varna. Of this number, only the minesweepers were built in Bulgaria; all the others were constructed in the Soviet Union. The number and types of vessels are as follows:

- a. One destroyer, GEORGI DIMITROV;
- b. Sixteen or 17 minesweepers<sup>1</sup> of which two are "large" vessels;
- c. Three LURSEN torpedo boats;
- d. Six OD "large" antisubmarine motorboats;
- e. Twenty-five MO antisubmarine motorboats;
- f. Four PK boats; and
- g. Three training ships, CHUMERNA [redacted] MILKA [redacted] ASEN [redacted]

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Repair of Naval Vessels

19. The torpedo boats and motorboats are brought in every three months for repairs and cleaning, i.e., scraping and painting the hulls and adjusting the engines. When a vessel is to undergo repairs or overhauling, it is put in the drydock and a wooden screen is built around the vessel so that the work cannot be observed.

20. [redacted] torpedo boat [redacted] was put into drydock for one month. Its three propellers, which had been broken in an accident, were replaced.

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21. [redacted] torpedo boat [redacted] was placed in drydock and its entire hull was renewed. [redacted] torpedo boat [redacted] was also brought into drydock to have its hull replaced [redacted]

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22. The following ships of the Bulgarian Navy based at Varna were not repaired at the Naval Workshops: the destroyer, the two large minesweepers [redacted], four PK boats, and three training ships. The training ships were repaired at the Georgi Dimitrov Shipbuilding Yard in Varna and the destroyer, the two large minesweepers, and the four PK boats were sent to Odessa once a year for repairs.

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Miscellaneous

23. The Naval Workshops are in operation six days per week; working hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a 30-minute lunch period. All workers are picked up at the fisherman's quay and brought by motorboat to the workshops.

24. There is a road which leads to the workshops, but it is not used by the workers. A normal-gauge railroad spur, which connects with the main line, runs into the Naval Base Workshop area.

25. The Georgi Dimitrov Shipbuilding Yard, where vessels of not more than 150-200 tons are constructed and repaired, is located near the Naval Base in Varna harbor. [redacted] three 10-ton commercial vessels were being constructed; these were the DIMITUR KONDOV, KHRISTO SMIRNENSKI, and NIKOLA TSAROV. Four Danube River barges are also being built. These are to be 300 meters long, 80 meters wide, and 30 meters "high."

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26. A shipyard called "Cherno More", located on Varna Lake, is constructing two concrete cargo vessels for use in the Black Sea.

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INDEX to the Sketch of Varna Harbor Showing the Naval Base.

1. Drydock.
2. Building containing the foundry, boiler repair, and welding sections.
3. Building containing the lathe, finishing, assembly, and blacksmith sections.
4. Building containing the electric and battery sections.
5. Torpedo and mine shop.
6. Torpedo and mine storage depot.
7. Naval barracks.
8. Building containing the furniture, carpentry, and boat repair sections.
9. Naval barracks.
10. Fire station.
11. Battery shop.
12. Weapons repair shop.
13. Non-commissioned officers school.
14. Dining hall.
15. Canteen.
16. Naval Base Headquarters.
17. Storage Depots.
18. Gasoline storage tank.
19. Guard post manned by Naval personnel.
20. Guard post manned by Militia personnel.
- 21.
22. Georgi Dimitrov State Shipbuilding Yard.
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25. Border Guard barracks.
26. Border Guard barracks.
27. Storage depot.
28. Cargo sheds.
29. Cranes.
30. Guard post manned by Militia personnel.

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31. Fish market.
32. Boathouse (rowboats) belonging to DOSO (Dobrovolna Organizatsiya za Sudeystvie na Otbranata; Voluntary Organization to Facilitate the Defense).
33. Border Guard barracks.
34. Military gasoline storage tanks.
35. Military coal depots.
36. Wharf.
37. Varna railroad station.
38. Berth for the destroyer GEORGI DIMITROV.
39. Berths for two large minesweepers.
40. Berths for torpedo boats and motorboats.
41. Berths for training vessels.
42. Guard post manned by Naval personnel.
43. Guard post manned by Border Guard personnel.
44. Lights marking harbor entrance.

Assemble sketch as follows

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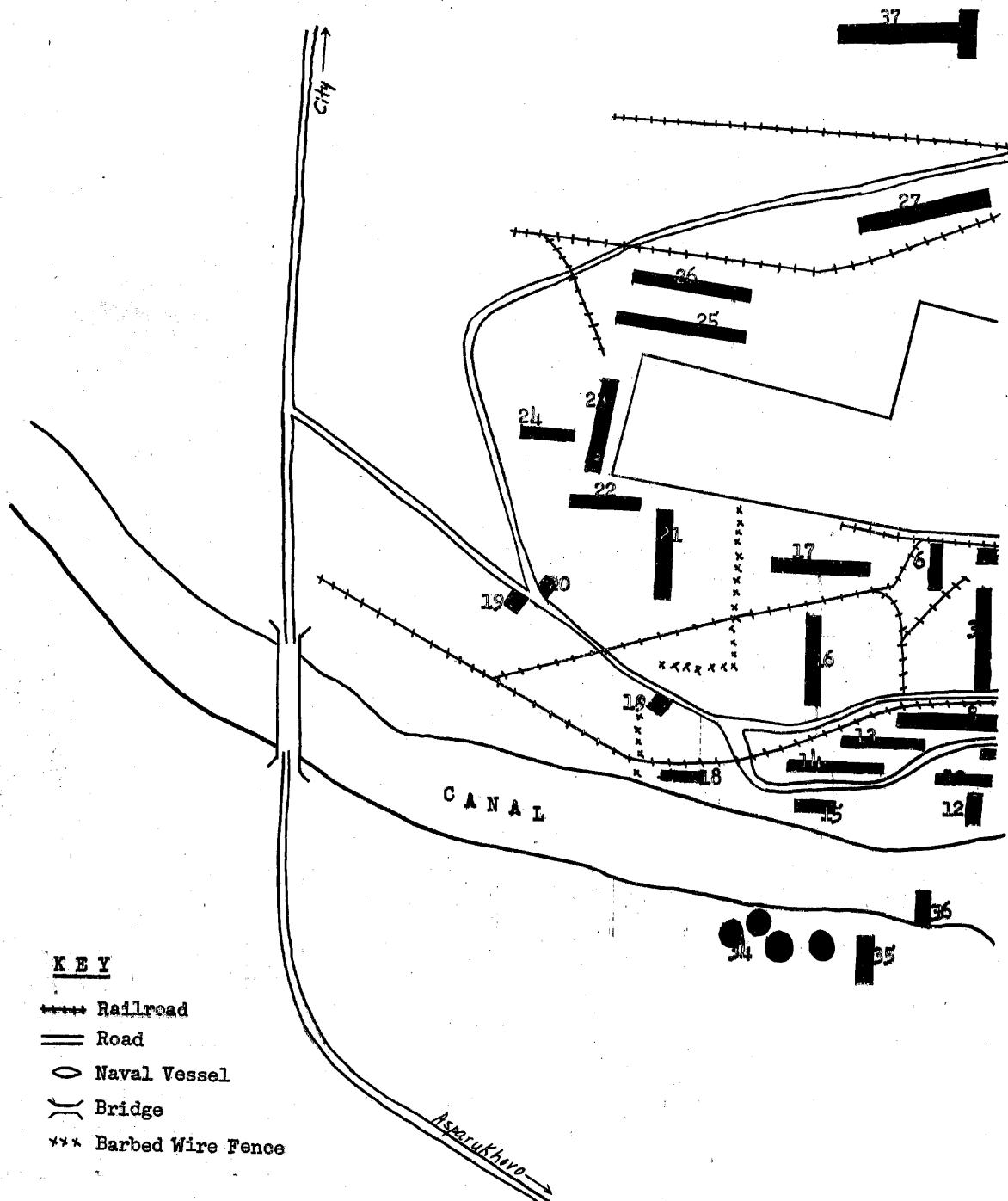
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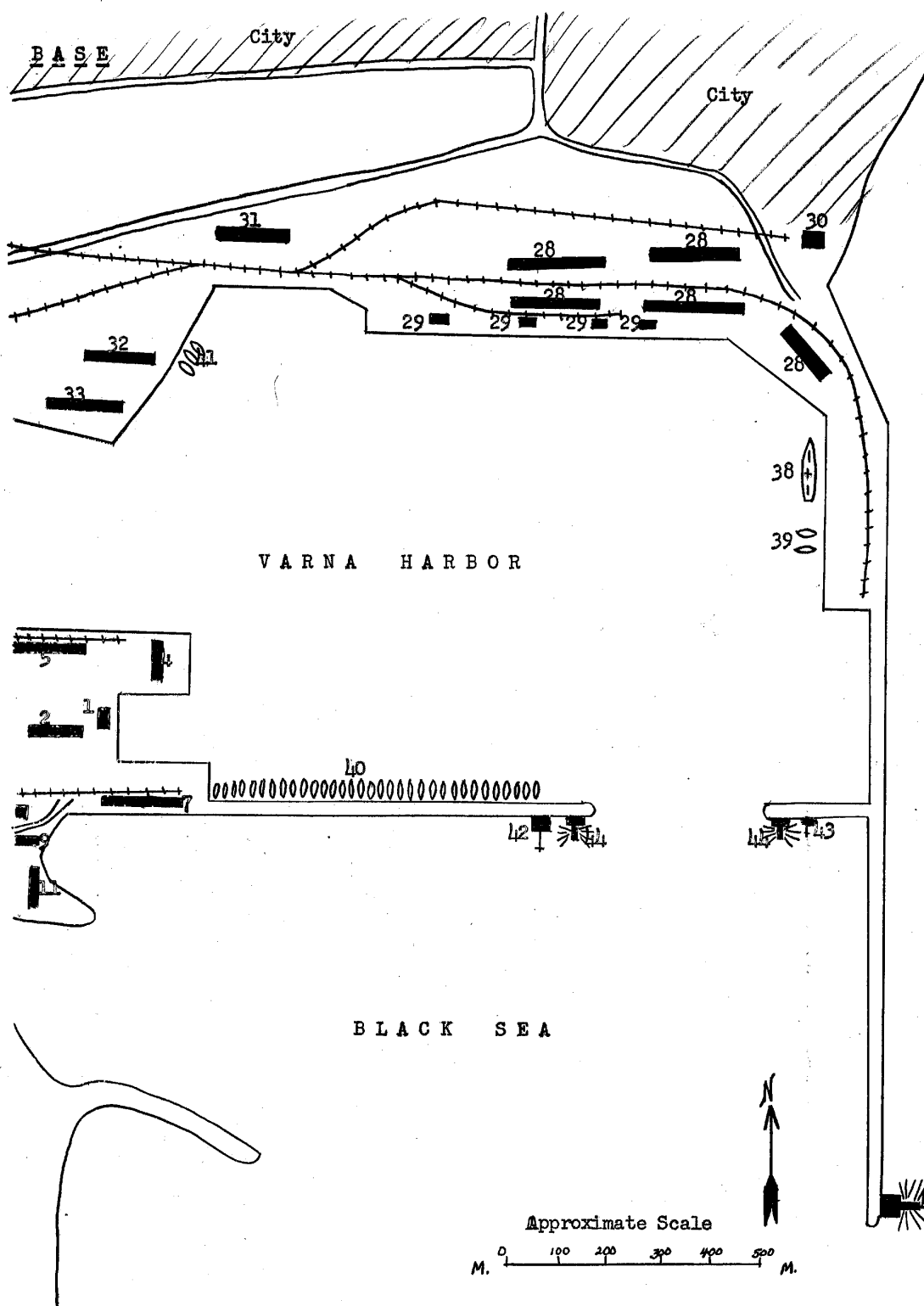
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INDEX to the Sketch of the Torpedo and Mine Shop.

1. Electric motors (1 meter wide and 1.2 meters long).
2. Electric switchboard.
3. Transformer.
4. Crane.
5. Lathe.
6. Concrete "cable distributing center" (2 meters long, 2 meters wide, and 1.5 meters high).
7. Storage rooms for explosives.
8. Torpedo and mine assembly section.

==== Electrical cable trough (uncovered) 20 cm. deep and 60 cm. wide.

==== Cable conduit 1.5 meters deep and 1.1 meters wide leading to the battery shop.

—— Normal gauge railroad line.

---- Narrow gauge railroad line.

⊕ Railroad switch.

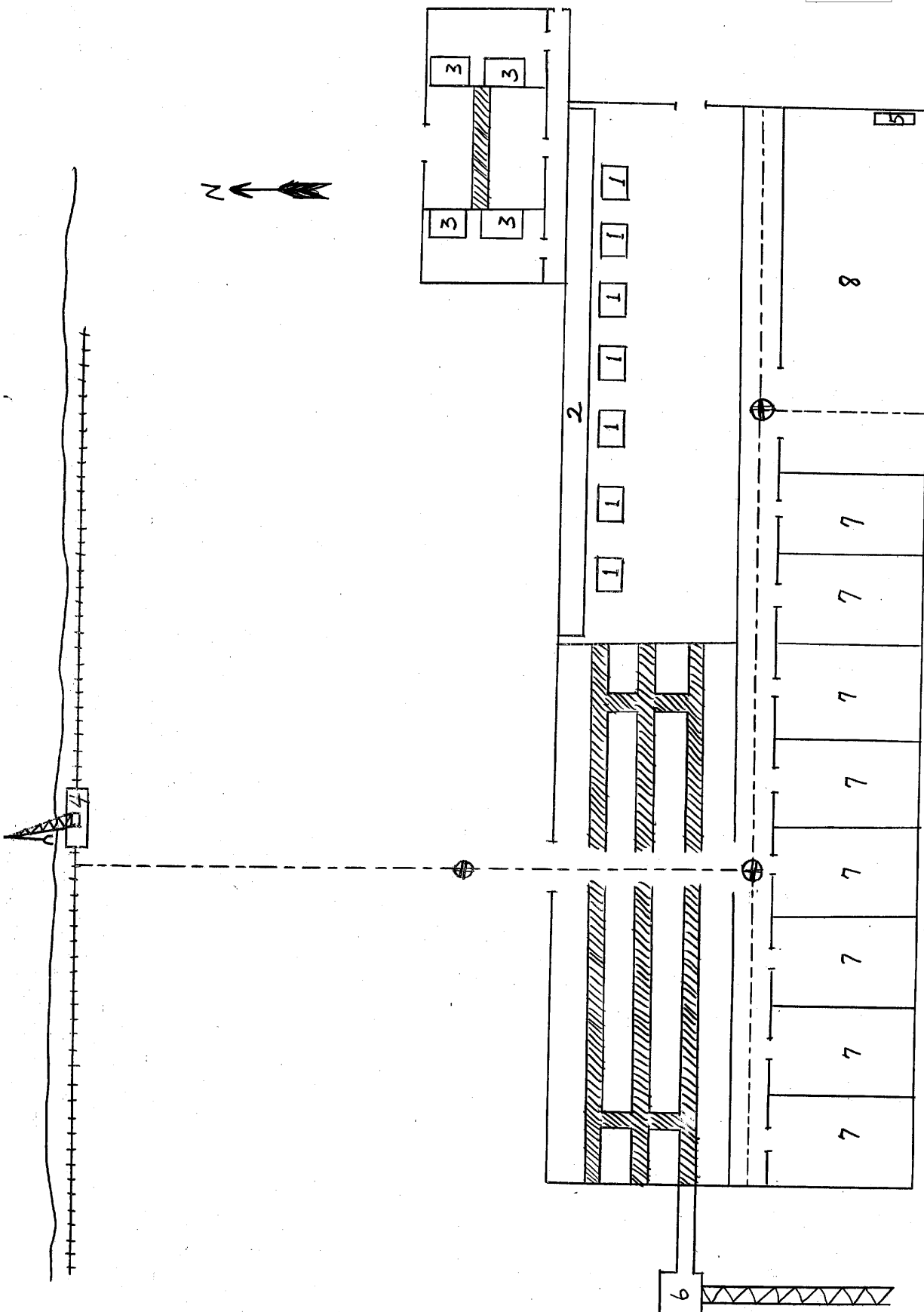
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